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MINUTES OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (SUPPORT)

STAFF MEETING

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8 May 1957

1. Mr. [REDACTED] of the Office of Current Intelligence, gave an interesting briefing covering the recent Soviet disarmament proposal, the Soviet plan for reorganization of its Government to accomplish the current five-year plan, continuing developments in Southeast Asia and Indonesia, the recent Honduras - Nicaragua border dispute and recent developments in the political situation in Jordan. 25X1A9a

2. Mr. [REDACTED] will be assigned to [REDACTED] as the Support Planner for that area. Accordingly, as of 13 May 1957, Mr. [REDACTED] of the Management Staff, who has been on detail to the Building Planning Staff, will be the DD/S representative on the new building. 25X1A9a
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3. Colonel White announced that the Director has signed off on the recommendation to declare [REDACTED] surplus, and it will be returned. 25X1A6a

4. The volume of cable traffic has been steadily increasing, and in April 1957, we hit an all time high. Releasing Officers must be held responsible for determining in each case the need for a cable. A review of recent cables revealed that many cables could be by dispatch, such as personnel actions, advice of shipment of material and other similar routine support matters.

5. Colonel White noted that the Director recently expressed his firm desire to hold 1959 funds to an amount not in excess of the 1958 appropriation, and that there will be no projected increases in the number of Headquarters personnel. The Director took this position as a result of his requirement to reply to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget relative to a four-year projection of our budget, and was tied in to the Deputy Director (Plans) 1959 Character and Level paper. He further indicated in a memorandum to the Deputy Director (Plans) that not only would he not approve an increase in Headquarters personnel, but he expected a substantial reduction to be forthcoming. Colonel White announced that he expects that by 1 June the Bureau of the Budget will give us a ceiling on the amount of funds which this Agency may request to be appropriated.

6. On 7 May 1957, the Chief, FE Division and the Director of Communications gave a briefing to Mr. Frank Nash, Chairman of a Special White House Committee. 25X1A9a

7. Mr. [REDACTED] announced that during the last month coordination was

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completed on five proposed Regulations and two additional proposals were added to the list of those outstanding for more than six weeks, resulting in a decrease of three or thirty-three proposed Regulations currently outstanding as of 1 May 1957.

8. Mr. Baird announced that the first man qualified for a Language Achievement Award has been approved under our new program. He also asked if bids could be let for the [REDACTED] construction, but Colonel White announced that the letting of bids must await our budget hearings which probably will not be held until after 15 May 1957.

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9. Mr. [REDACTED]'s presentation on the classified contract security procedures and problems was postponed until the next meeting.

10. The meeting adjourned at 1150 hours.

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